

**Emergency Management Committee
Meeting
March 13, 2012
6:00 pm
Salem, Connecticut
Town Office Building
Rm 2**

Present: D. Bourdeau, R. Boles, C. Martin, E. Shafer, S. Spang

Absent: B. Cinea, R. Martin, C. Weston

1. Call to Order

D. Bourdeau called the meeting to order at 6:08

2. Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve

3. Public Comment-None

4. Old Business-None

5. New Business

A. Hurricane Review

The members discussed positive and negative aspects of the EOC during Tropical Storm Irene.

It was agreed that R. Martin and C. Martin did a great job at the EOC during the storm. They handled the radio operations in a very professional manner.

D. Bourdeau stated the form the emergency services used needs to be revised for better accuracy.

The committee discussed having a table top exercise to have all involved understand the chain of command and to familiarize all the people involved with each other.

It was noted that for some reason the phones were not working correctly the night of the storm. It was not storm related as the phones had problems at least 8 hours before the storm hit.

One of the public works crew radio did not work on the frequency used by the EOC .

The EOC lost internet connection at the height of the storm.

There were members of public works and emergency services which did not come back off the roads when told.

The Web EOC also went down shortly after the storm hit.

It was not clear or known if routes to hospitals were open.

Known residents at risk were notified of evacuation centers but CL&P did not disclose the people at risk on their list.

E. Shafer will look into a satellite phone for communication purposes. It was noted that after a couple of days cell phone service was spotty or nonexistent due to the low battery on the relay stations.

The FCC came to the town in the weeks following the storm to inspect the antennas. The antenna was either loose or knocked down during the storm which resulted in a lack of communication capabilities.

The town still had Ham radios.

Emergency Management still needs to find another one or two radio operators to help out in an emergency.

The new software for narrow band frequency needs to be obtained/installed.

A Stipend for C. Martin and R. Martin was discussed and approved.

B. SCHOOL EVACUATION

D. Bourdeau noted that with the addition of the new sidewalk the school evacuation needs to be revised.

C. OATH

All the members present signed the oath.

OTHER BUSINESS

The members discussed the possibility of a TRIAD program

E. Shafer will research evacuation out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C(Spang/Shafer) to adjourn at 6:58

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang
Recording Secretary